

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Date _____ Initials _____

____Determined Eligible - National Register

Architectural Inventory Form

I. IDENTIFICATION

____Contributes to eligible National Register District

- 1. Resource number: **5RT2189**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt County**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic building name: **Baird House**
- 6. Current building name: **Baird House**
- 7. Building address: **382 3rd Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Frank M. Baird**
 Owner address: **P.O. Box 770551**
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township

Vertical Siding

SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of section 17

- 10. UTM reference (NAD83)
 Zone **13**
 Easting: **345224**
 Northing: **4483282**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** (Map Scale: 1 : 25,000)
- 12. Lot(s): **18-19** Block:
 Addition: **Steamboat Springs 1st Addition** Year of Addition **1910**

13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses, but does not exceed, the land associated with this building since the time of construction.**

22. Architectural style / building type:

No Style

Official Eligibility Determination

(OAHP use only)

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____Needs Data

____Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

- 14. Building plan (footprint, shape):
Rectangular Plan
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **1716 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **1**
- 17. Primary external wall material:
Wood / Horizontal Siding
6N Range **84W** **Wood** /
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Metal Roof
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):
n/a
7.5'
12

21. General Architectural Description

The residence at 382 3rd Street in Steamboat Springs is modest single-story, rectangular-shaped, dwelling which measures 26' NE-SW (across) by 44' NW-SE (deep). The house is set back approximately 30' from the curb on 3rd Street to the northwest, while a garage/ workshop is located behind the house toward the rear of the lot. The dwelling is supported by a concrete block foundation, and there is a partial, unfinished, basement beneath the main level. The exterior walls are clad with painted purple horizontal wood siding, over wood frame construction, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. Painted purple vertical wood siding appears in the upper gable ends, on the northwest and southeast elevations. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, covered with metal roofing material. The roof eaves are boxed, with red metal trim. There are no chimneys. Windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sashes, and small 1x1 horizontal sliders. One fairly large, non-historic single-light fixed-pane picture window penetrates the southeast (rear) elevation. A painted white solid wood door, with one small square upper sash light, is located on the northwest elevation (facade). This door is covered by a metal storm door, and enters the home from a 2-step wood stoop. A rear entry is located on the southeast elevation, where there is a painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light. This door is covered by an aluminum storm door, and leads into an enclosed 5' by 6' gabled rear mud porch, from a 3-step wood stoop.

22. Architectural style / building type:

No Style

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is situated on the southeast side of 3rd Street, near the southeast end of Old Town Steamboat Springs' historic residential neighborhood. A large undeveloped lot is located adjacent to this property, to the southwest. A gravel driveway extends along the southwest side of the house, leading toward a garage/ workshop. The property features planted grass front and back yards, with minimal landscaping. There are two large deciduous trees in the front yard.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Garage/ Workshop

A wood-frame garage/ workshop is located approximately 22' behind the house, near the southwest property line. This building consists of two gabled structures which are aligned end-to-end. The workshop portion (located closest to the house), measures 10' by 10', while the garage portion (to the rear) measures 14' NE-SW by 22' NW-SE. A gravel driveway extends toward the building from 3rd Street, along the southwest side of the house; however, vehicular access to the garage is actually from 2nd Street to the southeast. The entire garage/ workshop building is supported by a stone foundation, and has painted purple horizontal wood siding, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. Complementing the appearance of the house, this building also has painted purple vertical wood siding in its upper gable ends. Both the garage and workshop are covered with steeply-pitched gable roofs, with corrugated metal roofing material laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. The rafter ends are exposed beneath the eaves, and are covered by a fascia board. Three 1/ 1 double-hung sash windows, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, penetrate the southwest (side) elevation. A single 2-light window penetrates the northeast elevation. A red metal roll-away garage door is located on the southeast elevation, opening toward 2nd Street. A single painted red wood-paneled door is located on the northwest elevation.

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IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:

Estimate **1930**

Actual

Source of information: **Routt County Assessor/ Treasurer Parcel Detail Information**

26. Architect: **unknown**

Source of information: **n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor: **unknown**

Source of information: **n/a**

28. Original owner: **unknown**

Source of information: **n/a**

29. **Construction History** (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):

According to owner Frank Baird, the house at 382 3rd Street is made up of two small cabins which were moved here from Mt. Harris by Frank's father, Marion Baird, in the years prior to 1956. Joined together at this location, the cabins were covered by a flat roof until circa 1967 when the Bairds constructed the gable roof which still exists today (in 2005). The garage, which was originally oriented toward 3rd Street, was turned around to provide access from 2nd Street, also in about 1967.

30. Original location: **no**

Moved **yes**

Date of move(s) **circa 1955**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical Background

According to its long time owner Frank Baird, this house is made up of two small cabins which were built originally at Mt. Harris, a coal mining town located east of Hayden. Developed in the years following its founding in 1914, Mt. Harris was home to miners and their families who were employed at three area mines: the Mt. Harris Mine, owned by the Colorado-Utah Coal Company, which operated between 1914 and 1958; the Wolf Creek Mine, which was opened by the International Fuel Company in 1915, and was later operated by the Pinnacle-Kemmerer Coal Company; and the Wadge Mine, which was operated by the Victor American Fuel Company between 1917 and 1958. Mt. Harris was a complete and vibrant town. In addition to houses for miners, business owners, and others, Mt. Harris also boasted an extensive number of businesses, a post office, boardinghouses, hotels, a community center, offices for the mining companies, and other improvements. By the early 1960s, all of the town's buildings had been sold off, and either razed, or moved to nearby towns.

Made up of two former Mt. Harris cabins, this house has existed in Steamboat Springs since the late 1950s, and has been owned and occupied by members of the Baird family from that time to the present. Marion and Ella Mae Baird were the property's original owners. Natives of Kansas, the Bairs came to Colorado during the first half of the twentieth century, where they eventually settled into this home on 3rd Street in Steamboat Springs. Marion worked with John Jilcot at the J & D Body Shop in town for many years, before Jilcot eventually sold out and moved to Powell, Wyoming. During his productive years, Marion also worked as a welder, in construction, as a mechanic, and in other endeavors.

Marion and Ella Mae raised a family of four children in this home - a daughter, Marilyn, and three sons, Frank, Mike, and Ben. Ella Mae passed away in 1994, and Marion died in 1997. Frank and Mike Baird, who are both unmarried, continue to live here in the home they grew up in. Frank is a long time employee of Native Excavating. In the past, he worked as an excavator, but he is presently employed by the company as a mechanic.

36. Sources of Information

A Guide to Colorado's Historic Architecture and Engineering, Denver: the State Historical Society of Colorado, 2003 (second edition).

Baird, Frank. Telephone interview with Carl McWilliams, March 22, 2005.

Holderness, Patricia (project director). History of Hayden and West Routt County 1876 - 1989. Dallas: Curtis Media Corp., 1989.

Routt County Assessor/ Treasurer Parcel Detail Information.

Winter and Company. "Historic Context of Routt County." Prepared for the Tread of Pioneers Museum, January 1994.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance: **n/a**

40. Period of Significance: **n/a**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

Built originally as two separate cabins at Mt. Harris (probably in the 1930s), and later moved to Steamboat Springs, these former cabins at one point may have been significant for their association with the theme of coal mining, and the development of the coal mining town of Mt. Harris. This extant dwelling, however, has lost its ability to convey its significance in this regard. The building does not meet requirements for Criteria Consideration B, for moved properties, and as such it is evaluated as ineligible for individual listing in the National or State Registers of Historic Places. The building may also be significant for its associations with residential growth, and the Baird family, in Steamboat Springs, because it has been in its present location for nearly fifty years. However, this significance is not to the extent that the property would qualify for National or State Register listing.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

The former Mt. Harris cabins that comprise this house lost their integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association. when they were moved here from Mt. Harris in the late 1950s. The former cabins were further altered circa 1997 when a gable roof was built over the combined buildings' former flat roof.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes:

No: **xx**

Discuss: Historic residences in this area of Steamboat Springs do not collectively appear to display sufficient integrity, and are too dispersed, to qualify as a National or State Register Historic District.

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

VIII. LOCAL LANDMARK ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44a. Local Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

45a. Discuss: Although it is no longer significant for its former association with Mt. Harris, this house may be considered significant for its association with the themes of community development and residential growth in Steamboat Springs beginning in the mid-1950s.

46a. Architectural Style / Building Type (from Local Style Lexicon):

Steamboat Springs Wood Frame

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IX. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **STEAM-1**

Frame(s): **10-16**

Negatives filed at:**City of Steamboat Springs**

137 10th Street

Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80477

48. Report title:**Old Town Steamboat Springs Residential Survey IV: Architectural Survey Report**

49. Date: **October 18, 2004**

50. Recorder: **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address:**1607 Dogwood Court**

Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

53. Phone number:**970/493-5270**

NOTE:Attached are a sketch map, a photocopy of the Steamboat Springs, Colorado USGS quadrangle map segment, indicating resource location, and black-and-white photographs.